

storing the chest pain patient treatment information for said plurality of patients;

[retrieving the chest pain patient treatment information;]

comparing the chest pain patient treatment information collectively for said plurality of patients to predetermined values to evaluate the treatment received by said plurality of chest pain patients; and

reporting the comparison of the chest pain patient treatment information for said plurality of patients to the predetermined values, to evaluate the treatment received by said plurality of chest pain patients so that the medical facility is able to improve its treatment of future chest pain patients.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 were pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled. As a result of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-11 are currently pending in the application. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendment.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for reasons that the specification was objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. This rejection and objection are respectfully traversed. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, claim 4 has been canceled herein.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Selker. Claims 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Selker. Applicant respectfully traverses both of these rejections.

Selker is directed to a system that is actively attached to a patient. (See Selker Column 3, lines 51-60, for example). In other words, in Selker the patient is evaluated and treated in accordance with the invention, live, at that time, while the patient is experiencing chest pain. Selker's invention plays an important role in the immediate treatment of a chest pain patient. Selker's invention is used in real time to treat patients. Selker's invention is a real time treatment device. Selker's invention is very different from the present invention in that the present invention is not a real time patient treatment device.

The present invention relies on the data from a plurality of patients, collectively processes that data and compares it to previously gathered data, and it is later used to improve the care given to future patients. The independent claims have been so amended. Selker does not teach or suggest collectively processing a plurality of patient treatment information to benefit future patients.

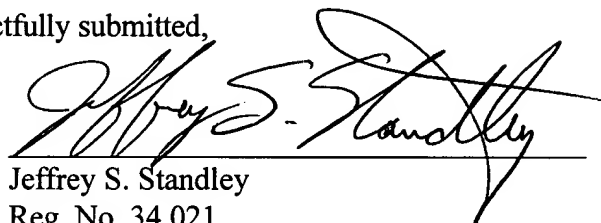
Selker is addressing the patient who is present at the moment Selker's device is used, not future patients. Selker's device even attaches to the patient as it functions. Furthermore, Selker does not teach a collective analysis of patient information.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has distinguished claims 1-3 and 5-11 over the cited art. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that these claims be allowed, and this case passed to issue upon payment of the appropriate fees. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number below to help expedite this application.

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